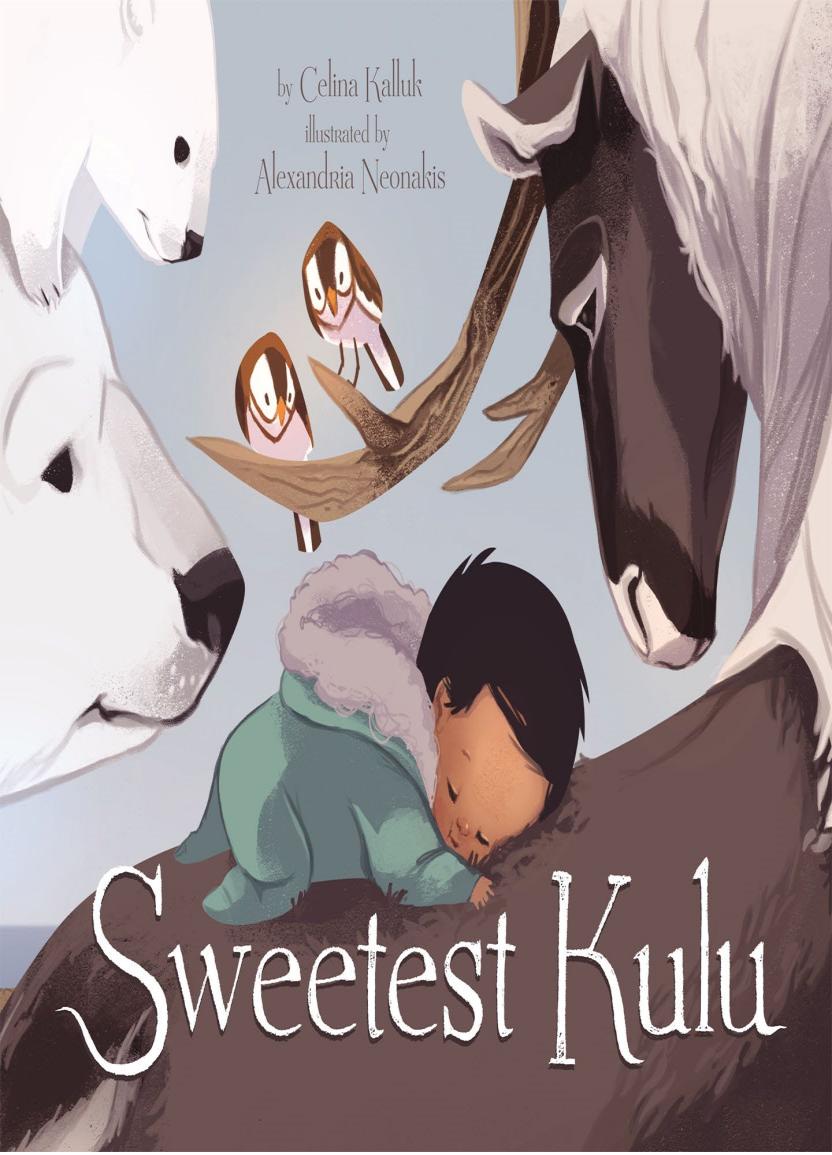




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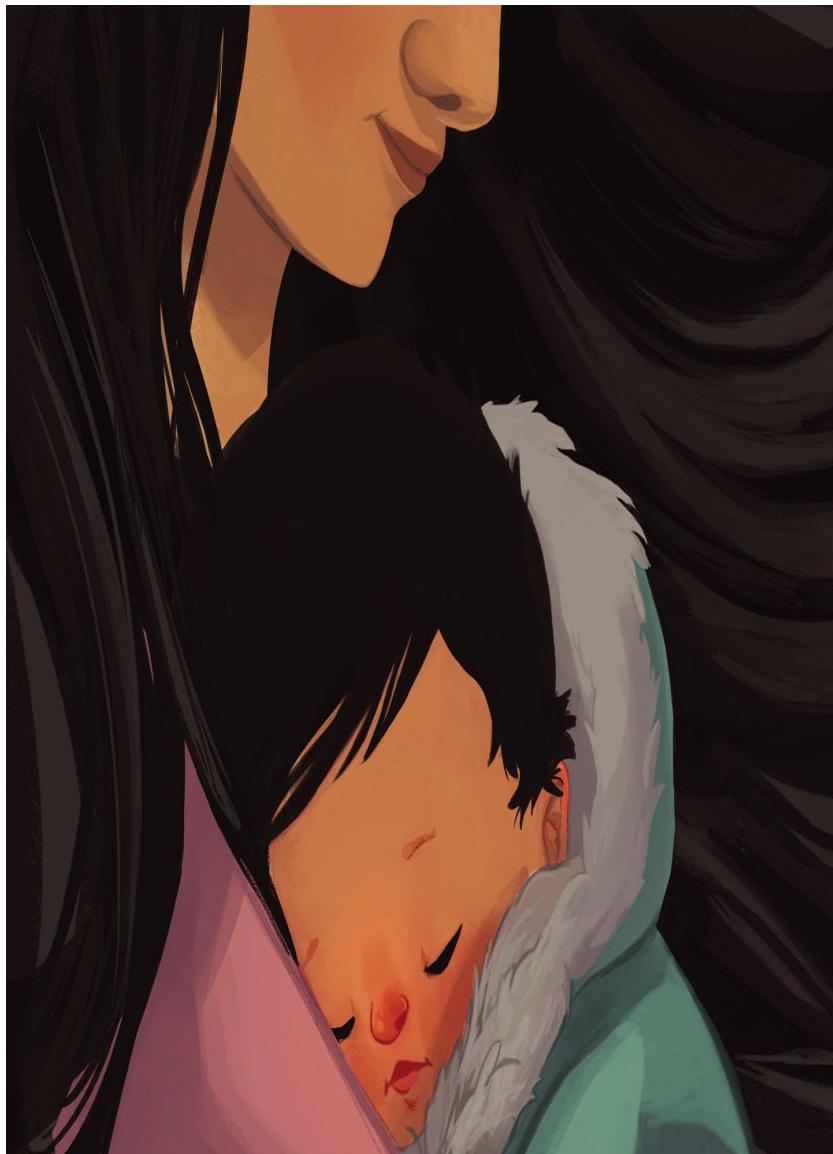
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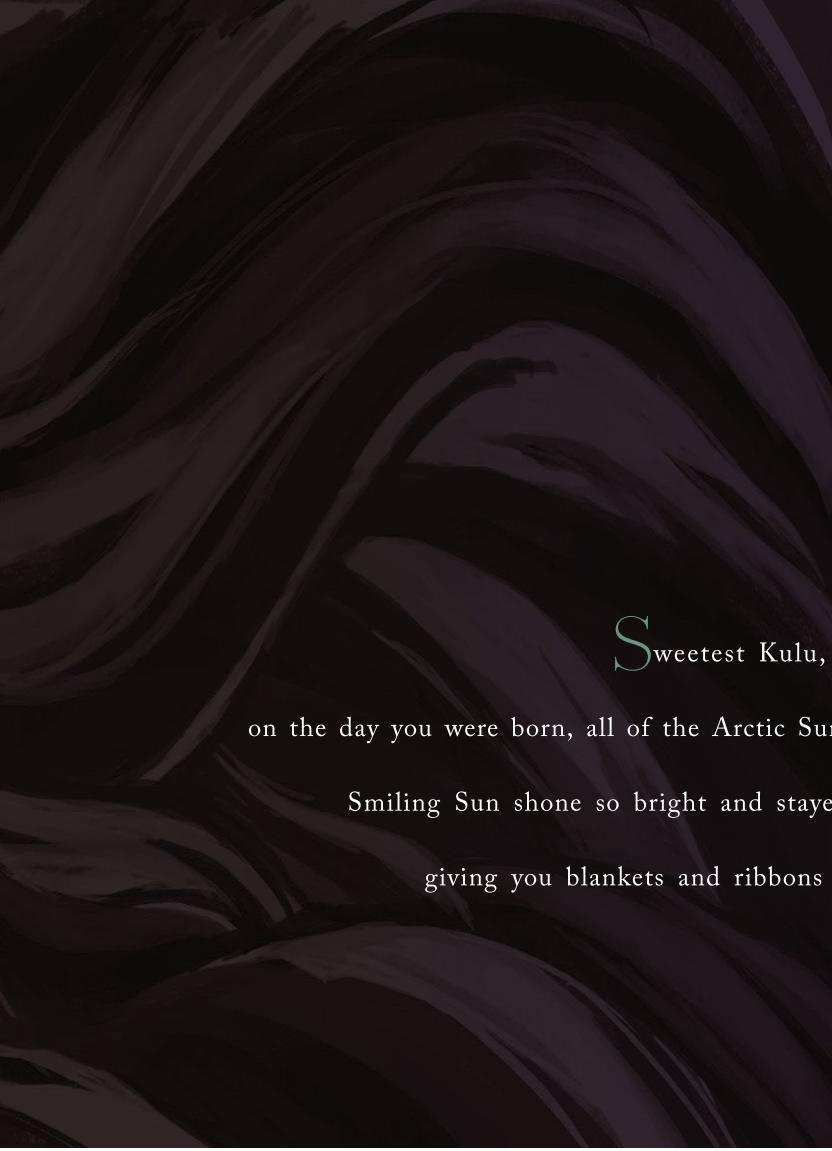
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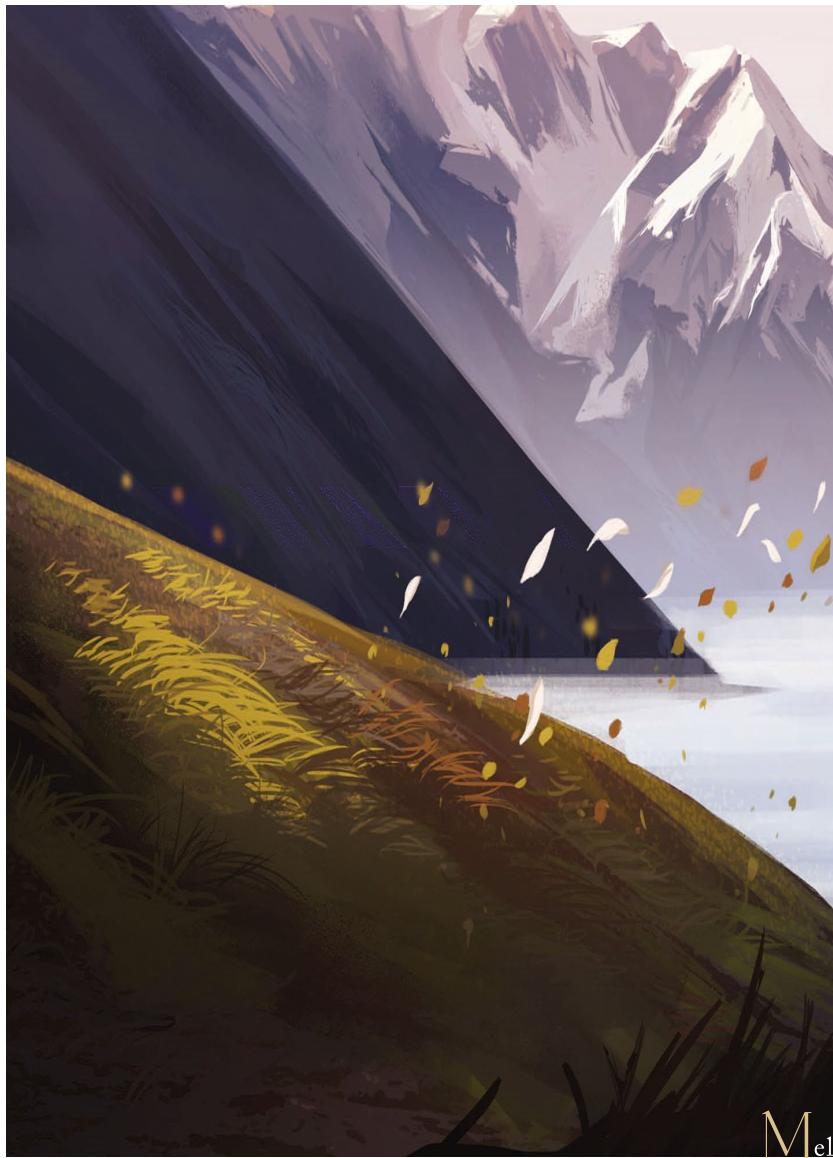


Sweetest Kulu,

on the day you were born, all of the Arctic Sun

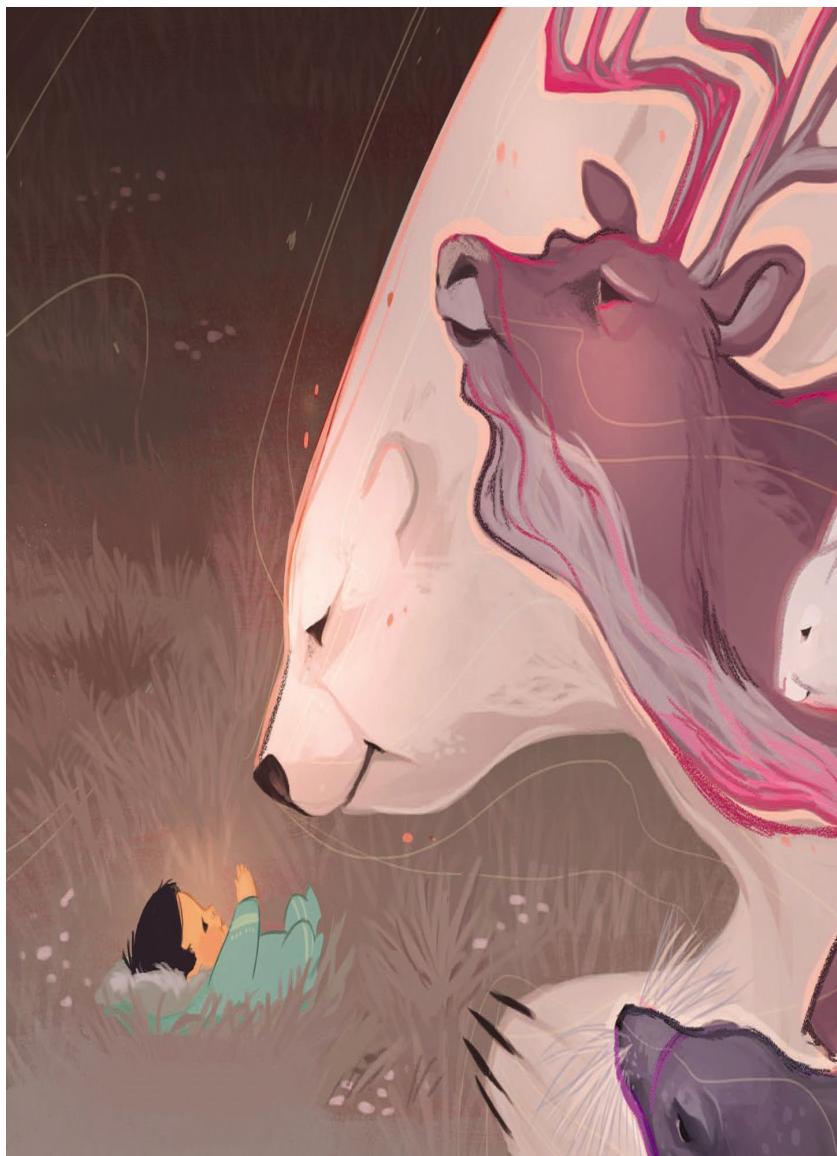
Smiling Sun shone so bright and stayed

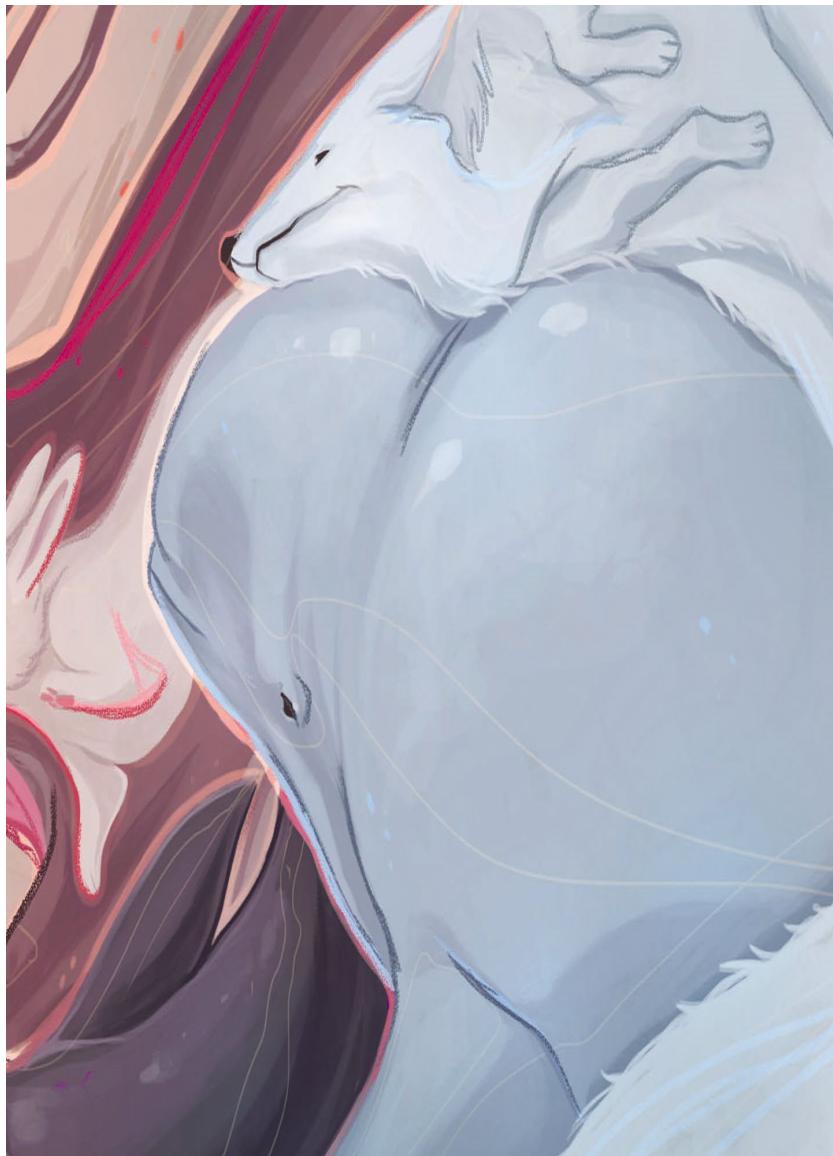
giving you blankets and ribbons



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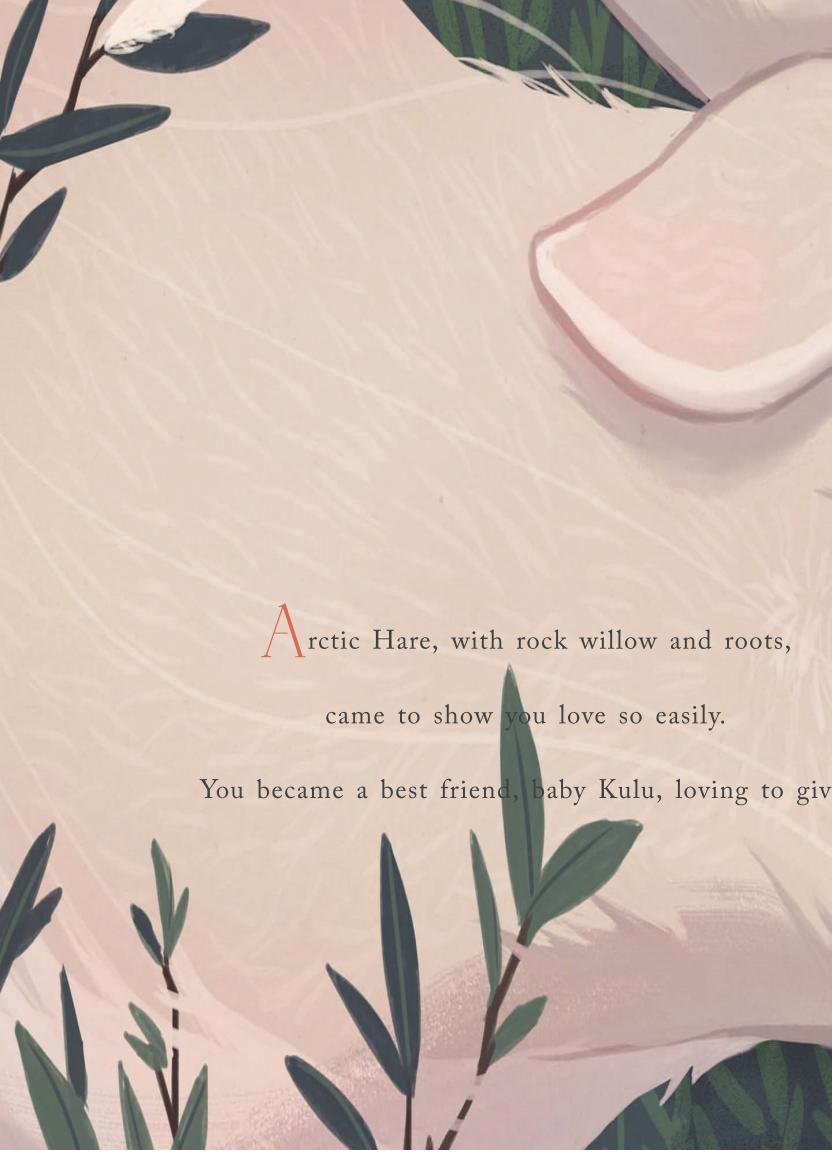
You had many wondrous

They shared thoughts, feelings, a

darling Ku







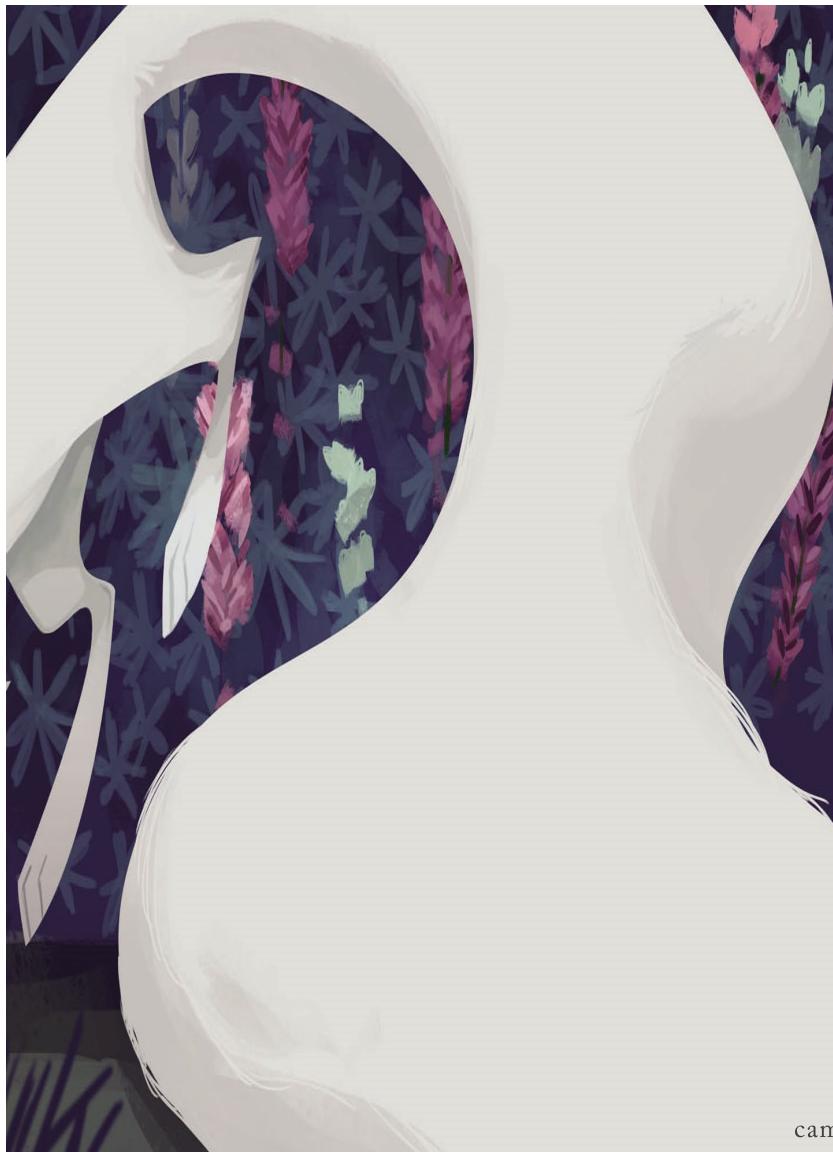
Arcic Hare, with rock willow and roots,

came to show you love so easily.

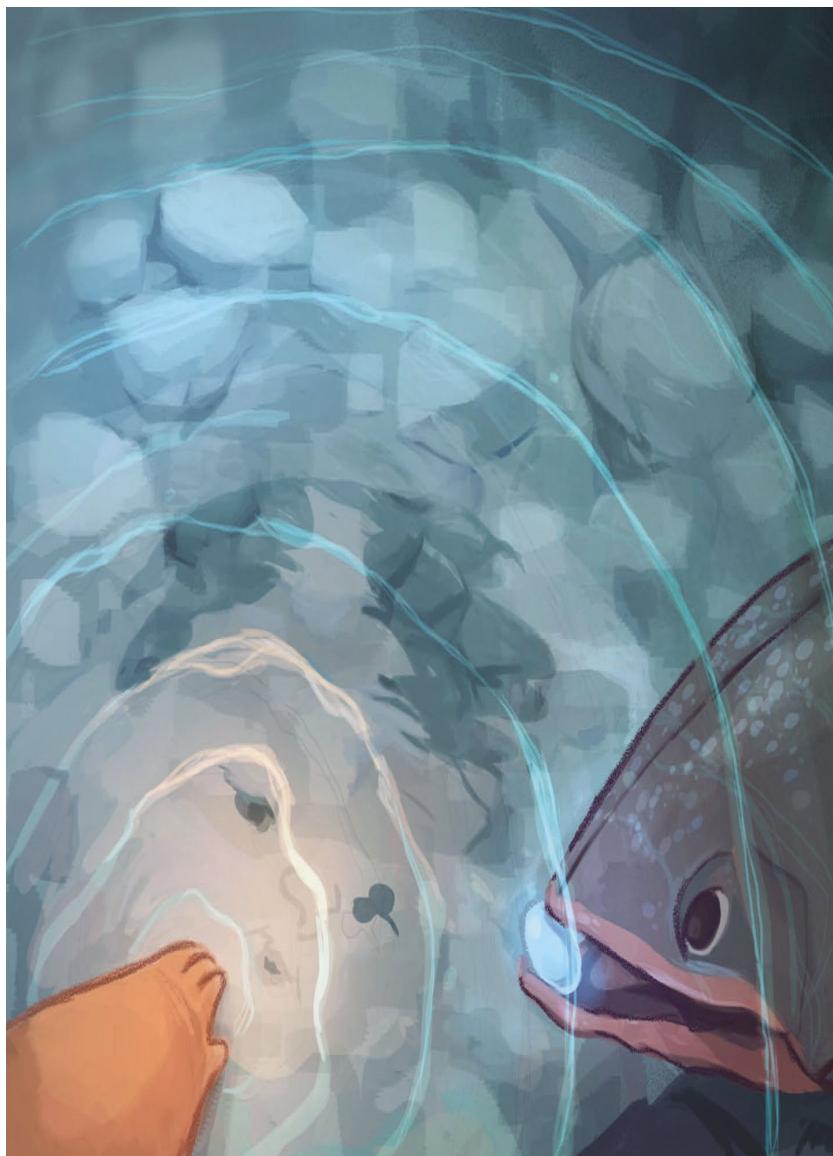
You became a best friend, baby Kulu, loving to give.

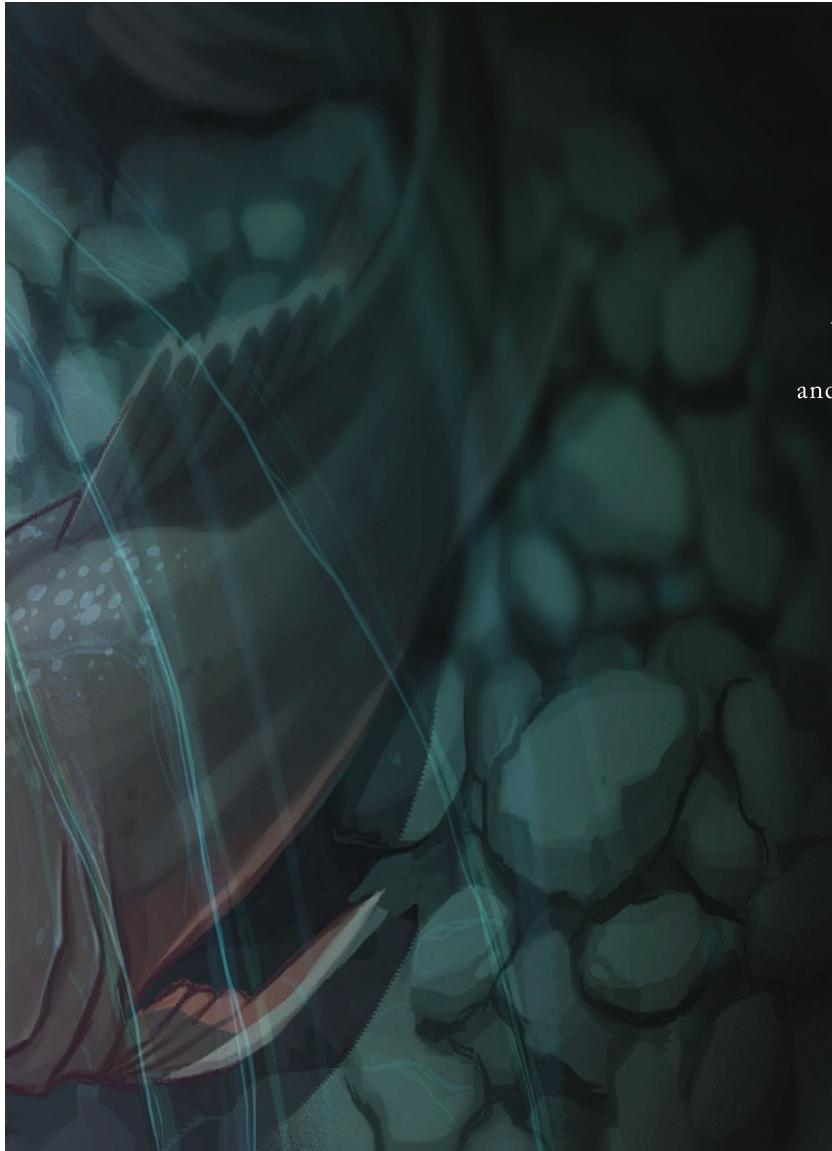






Fox, so thoughtful and
came to tell you to get out of bed as
and to help anyone who may need he
admired Kulu.





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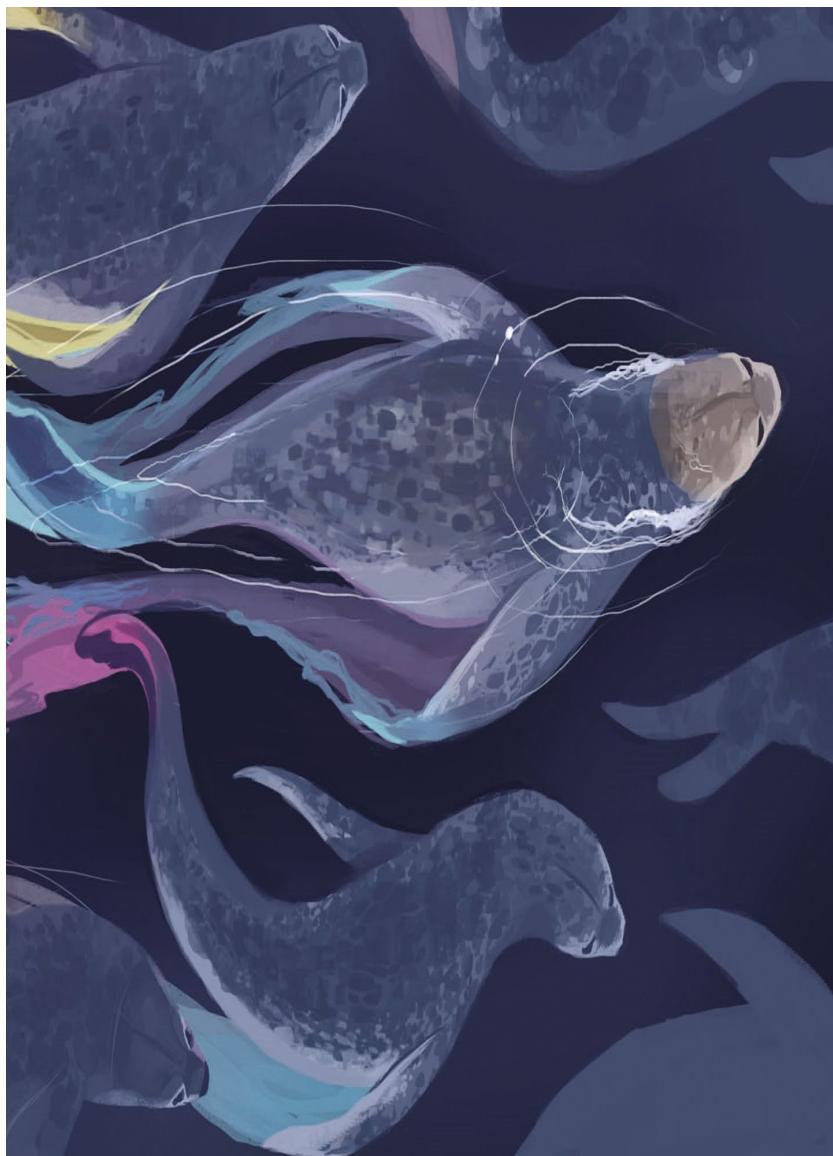
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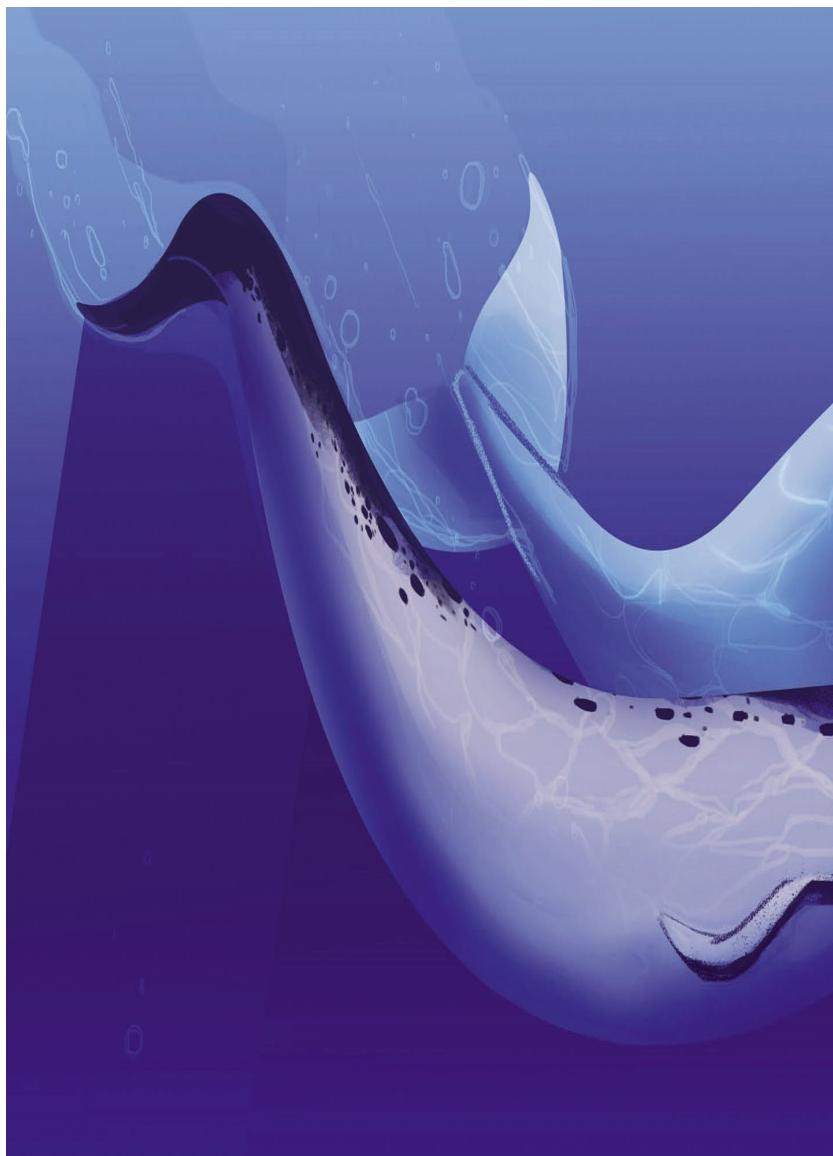


Seal, whose favourite colour is ice blue,

heard about Arctic Char's admiration of you.

Seal loves creativity, and surrounded you with colour, nicest Kulu.





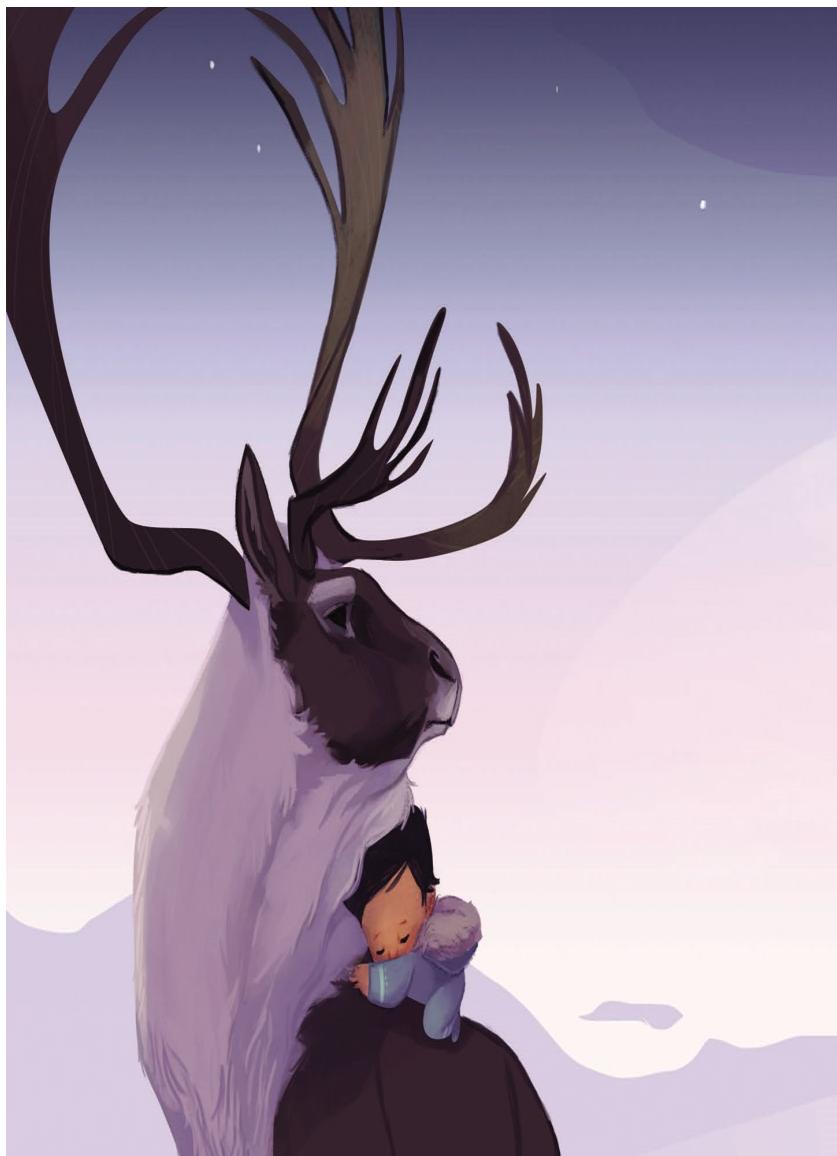


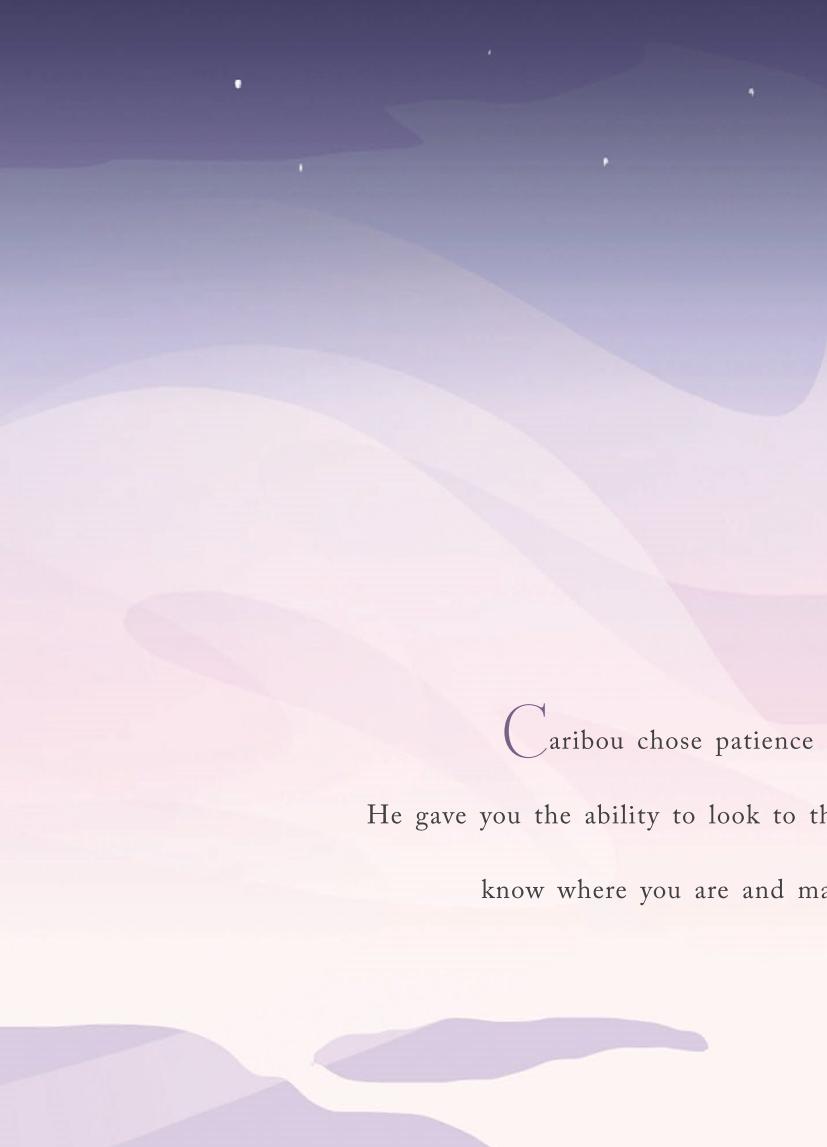
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Muskox shared heritage and empowerment with you,
magnificent Kulu,
showing you how to protect what you believe in.

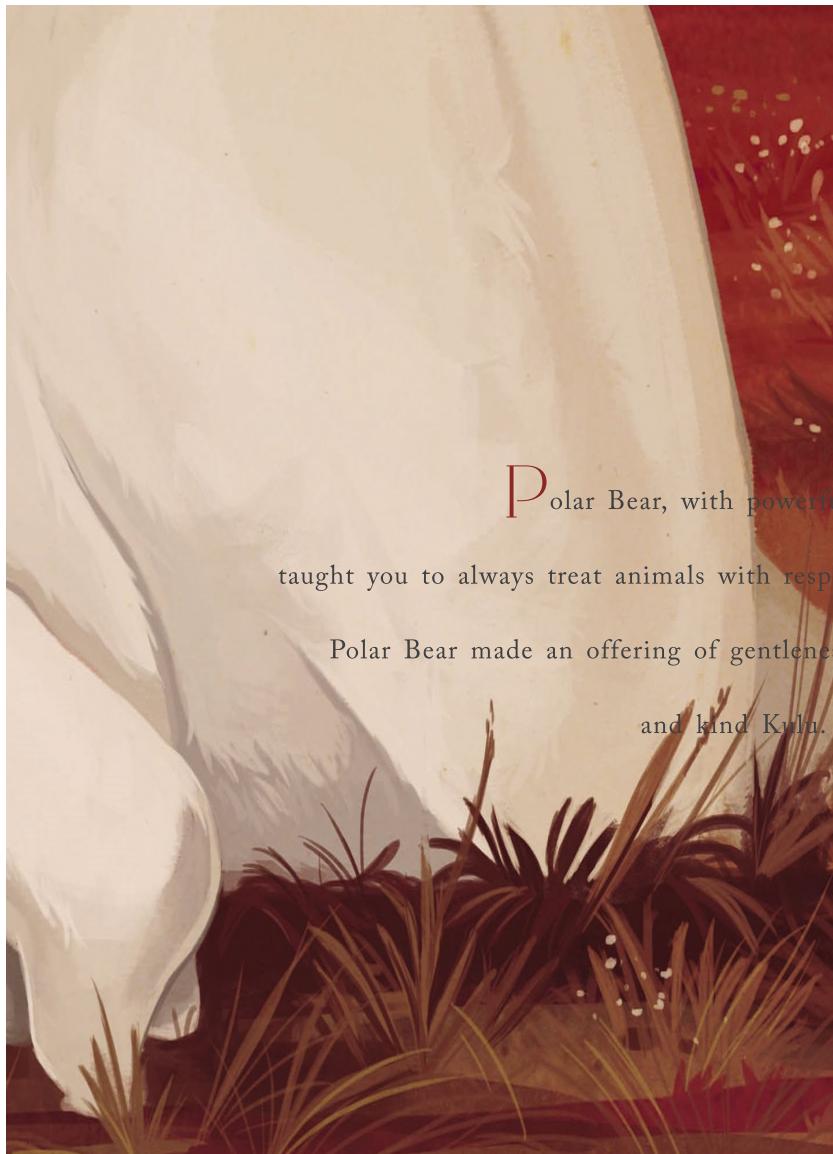




Caribou chose patience for you, cutest Kulu.

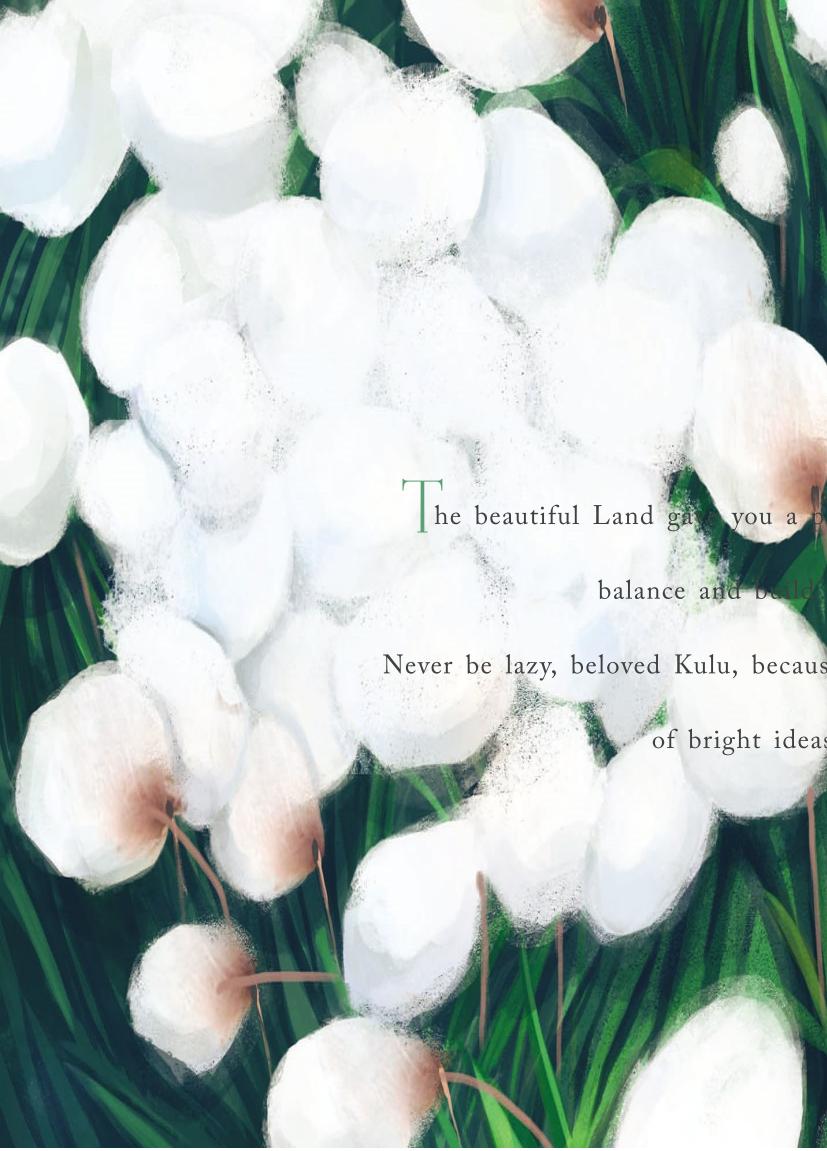
He gave you the ability to look to the stars, so that you will always
know where you are and may gently lead the way.





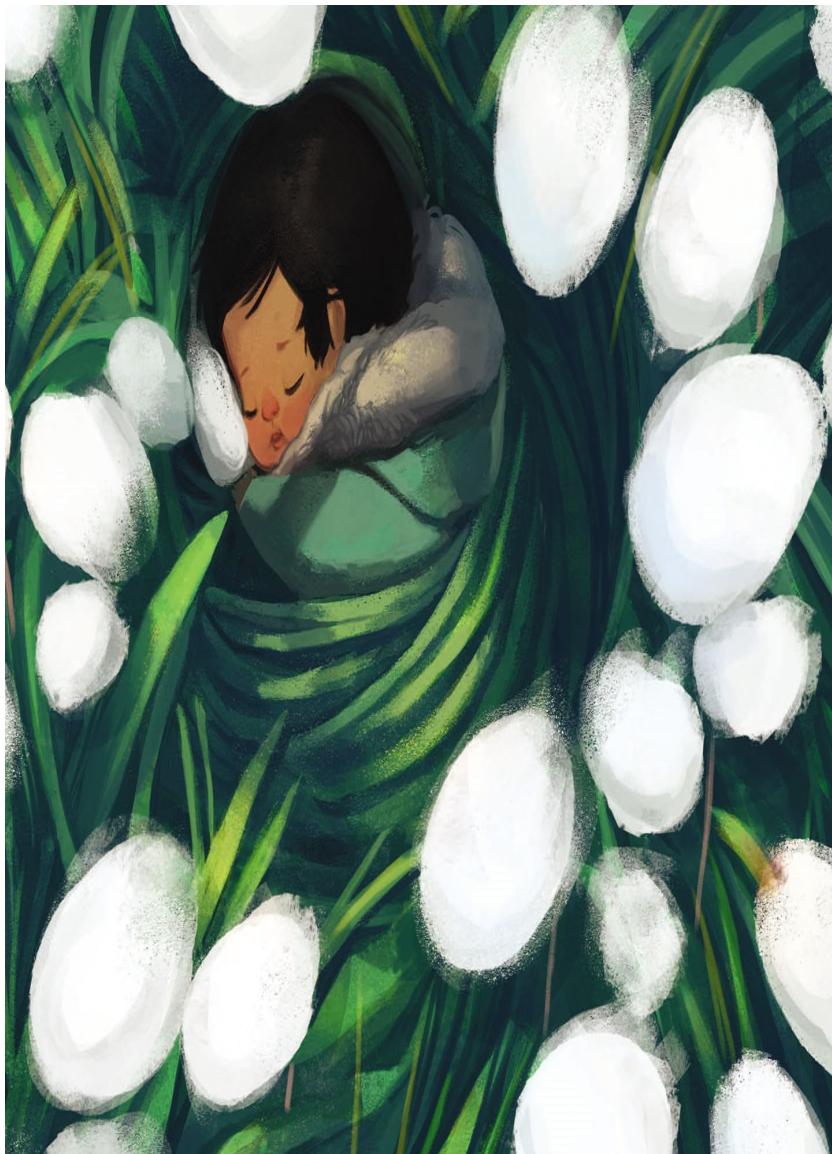
Polar Bear, with powerful instinct,
taught you to always treat animals with respect and to never scold them.

Polar Bear made an offering of gentleness, making you a modest
and kind Kulu.



The beautiful Land gave you a practical foundation to
balance and build upon.

Never be lazy, beloved Kulu, because your Land is a place
of bright ideas.





Dream a little, Kulu, this

most beautiful song

Slumber in song

Tomorrow will wait

Be calm, Kulu, and

because you are





Celina Kalluk was born and raised in Resolute Bay, Nunavut. She is the daughter of Leonard and Mary Thibodeau. Celina has two brothers and five sisters, one of whom is the author of this book. She has four beautiful nieces and nephews. She also has four daughters of her own, Saima, and Ramata. She dedicates this book to all the mothers and fathers of wonderful children. Celina is also a visual artist and has illustrated many other literacy materials. Currently, she is the Inuktitut Cultural Arts teacher for grades seven through twelve at Qarmiut High School. *Sweetest Kulu* is her first book for children.



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